

AUSTRIA PUTS ADRIATIC IN WAR ZONE; ORDERS ENEMY MERCHANTMEN SUNK

\$1,500,000 RATE REDUCTION HERE ASSURED BY OFFER OF N. Y. TELEPHONE COMPANY

Evening World's Long Fight for Public Ends in Surrender of Opponents.

CUT MAY BE GREATER.

Depends on Valuation of Plant, Which Company Sets at \$95,925,934.

An offer to reduce telephone rates in New York City \$1,500,000 per year was made to-day by the New York Telephone Company, thus admitting the justice of The Evening World's long fight on behalf of an overcharged public.

This latest offer is in addition to the 10 per cent. reduction made a year ago, which reduced charges by \$1,000,000, thus making a total reduction of \$2,500,000 proffered by the company since The Evening World began its campaign.

The company offer came in the form of a report submitted to the Legislative Committee investigating telephone charges, of which Senator James A. Foley is chairman.

It was a statement of the appraised value of the company's plant in New York City compiled by its own experts. That compilation placed the total at \$95,925,934.

These figures compare with the appraised value of \$45,000,000 made by Prof. H. W. Bemis, expert for the Foley Committee, and the up-State Public Service Commission experts, who have reported a minimum of \$65,000,000 and a maximum of \$95,000,000, the precise medium yet to be fixed.

It has been agreed among all the telephone investigators that the company is to be allowed a fair return upon whatever is finally determined as the value of the plant. The rate of return will be either 7 per cent. or 8 per cent. The actual reductions in rates will depend therefore upon the appraised value of the property.

If the New York Telephone Company's own valuation of \$95,925,934 is taken as the basis and 8 per cent. return allowed, the reduction in rates will figure out \$1,500,000.

If the figures of Prof. Bemis, \$65,000,000, are taken as the basis, the reduction will amount to \$2,000,000 per year.

The up-State Public Service Commission is to report next Saturday what it has decided upon as the plant value—somewhere between \$65,000,000 and \$95,000,000.

After the figures are in there will be a series of conferences to determine what shall be taken as the final figures.

The public is assured of at least \$1,500,000 reduction in rates and possibly more. The telephone company has completely abandoned its former demand for valuation of all the property of the State and is now seeking settlement of the New York City situation alone.

The telephone company's statement as filed with the Foley committee says:

"The New York Telephone Company filed to-day with the Foley Legislative Committee a statement showing the reproduction cost of its physical property in Greater New York was, on June 18, 1914, \$95,925,934, exclusive of any allowance for franchise value and 'going concern value.' The statement is sworn to by H. F. (Continued on Second Page.)

GIVES AWAY COINS, NEARLY CAUSES RIOT

Crowd of Poor Persons Swarms About Generous Distributor in City Hall Park.

A well dressed man approached crowds of poor persons who were standing around the Straus milk depot in City Hall Park at 1 o'clock this afternoon and began distributing coins among them. Within half a minute he was surrounded by a struggling mass of excited men.

Antecedent by the effect of his charity, he fought his way out into Printing House Square. There the crowds began cooling down a bit and the man with the money reached into his pockets and brought out two handfuls of dimes, pennies and nickels.

Again the struggling took place and Policeman Meyer Pollock, believing a fight was going on, got into the middle of it and began beating back the crowd.

"Let 'em alone," said the man with the money. "I'm giving 'em a little Washington's Birthday encouragement. They'll get all I have with me and then I'll fade away."

A minute afterward the man "faded away" in Nassau Street.

PHOTO LABELLED LAMAR WAS SAMUEL FELDMAN

The Latter, a Well Known Lawyer, Has No Connection With Indicted Broker.

The Evening World of Nov. 7 last told of the indictment of Lawyer Edward Lauterbach and David Lamar, a broker, charged with conspiracy to defraud J. Pierpont Morgan Jr. and others, constituting the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. The indictment charged that Lamar, in a telephone conversation with Lewis Cass Ledyard, pretended to be Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, and that Lauterbach, in conversation with Palmer, carried on the effort to effect the objects of the conspiracy.

In conjunction with the news article was printed what purported to be a picture of David Lamar. This picture was not a picture of Lamar, but was in fact a picture of Samuel Feldman, a lawyer well known in the courts of this city, who has no connection with Lamar. The mistake was due to the fact that in the art department record room of The World, where several thousand photographs are on file, alphabetically indexed, the picture of Lawyer Feldman had been filed away in the Lamar folder. When the name of Lamar came up in the news the mistake in the record room was repeated in the columns of the newspaper.

VANDERBILT CUP RACE HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Poor Track and Threatening Weather in Frisco Put Big Event Off Until Week From Saturday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—On account of the unsatisfactory condition of the course and threatening weather, the Vanderbilt Cup race was postponed to-day until one week from Saturday. The auto drivers made one exhibition round of the course for the benefit of the spectators.

FLOWER THIEF WITH 100 BLOOMS SHOT TO DEATH

Killed by Policeman When Fleeing From Richmond Hill Greenhouse.

FALLS JUST AT DOOR.

Leaps Over Benches in Vain Attempt to Escape—Victim a Noted Crook.

The burglar who was shot and killed by Policeman Charles Dannhauser of the Richmond Hill precinct as he was stealing 100 carnations, valued at \$1, from the green house of Henry Brockman in Woodhaven Avenue, Richmond Hill, Queens, early to-day was identified through the finger print records at Police Headquarters as Carl Lang, an old-time burglar, who had served two terms in prison.

The fingerprint identification was made this afternoon and was later confirmed by detectives who knew Lang. He had been released from Sing Sing prison only a few weeks ago.

Lang was arrested by the police of this city in January, 1907, and convicted of a series of burglaries in and around Englewood, N. J. In his operations there he used a bicycle. On this conviction he served five years in the prison at Trenton.

In 1912 a number of burglaries at New Rochelle led to Lang's arrest. He was tried and convicted in Westchester County and sentenced to three years and six months in Sing Sing Prison.

The policeman was on his horse in Woodhaven Avenue not far from the Brockman home and greenhouse when he heard the crash of glass. He rode toward the Brockman property and heard a second crash. Then he dismounted and woke Brockman and his son, Henry Jr., who lighted a lantern and went with Dannhauser to the greenhouse.

They found two panes of glass in the sloping roof of the greenhouse had been broken. Inside the hot-house, in the light of the lantern, Dannhauser caught sight of a man trying to hide under a bench on which flower pots were piled. There were several other benches between the policeman and the crouching man. "Come here," commanded Dannhauser.

The man rose, but instead of going toward the policeman he leaped over several benches and was making for the open door, which Brockman had unlocked and through which the policeman and the florist had entered.

Dannhauser fired one shot at the burglar but missed. Just as the man reached the door a second shot was fired. It hit the burglar in the mouth. He fell without a cry.

The policeman called an ambulance. Dr. Falvello of St. Mary's Hospital, Jamaica, said the bullet had penetrated the burglar's brain.

ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP KILLS FOUR PERSONS IN RAID ON CALAIS.

PAINE, Feb. 22.—A Zeppelin airship to-day crossed the allied lines near Nieuport and dropped bombs on Calais, killing four persons.

GERMAN SUBMARINES SECRETLY ORDERED NOT TO ATTACK U. S. SHIPS.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Daily Express learns from Copenhagen of a rumor printed there that secret orders have been given by Germany to all submarine commanders not to attack American merchant vessels, even if they are inside the war zone.

Bernhardt Under the Knife Has Right Leg Amputated; Operation Is a Success



BERNHARDT AS L'AIGLON.

Actress Stands Ordeal Well and Surgeons Look for a Speedy Recovery.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 22 (via Paris).—The right leg of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, the famous tragedienne, was amputated to-day at a hospital in the Rue D'Arles.

The operation, which was made necessary by an affection of the knee which had caused the actress much suffering for several years, was performed by Prof. Denoué of the Bordeaux University.

Prof. Denoué was to have conducted the operation yesterday, but he was called to the colors to serve at the Val-de-Grace Hospital in Paris and he found it impossible to leave his duties for several days.

Mme. Bernhardt refused to submit to a delay of what she courageously called her release from bondage and it was decided that Prof. Denoué should perform the operation to-day.

The surgeons declare that Mme. Bernhardt bore up remarkably, despite her age, and that unless there (Continued on Second Page.)

AMNESIA VICTIM WITH BABIES WIFE OF SCHOOL TEACHER

Identified by Husband as Mrs. Delia E. Hall of Undercliff Avenue.

RECOGNIZES HER NAME.

Second Time Woman Has Wandered Away After Birth of Child.

A young woman who was found, her mind a blank, on a doorstep at St. Nicholas Avenue and One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street at midnight last night, with two little children in her arms, was identified to-day as Mrs. Delia E. Hall, wife of a Public School teacher of No. 145 Undercliff Avenue.

Her husband found her to-day at No. 24 St. Nicholas Avenue in the apartment of J. W. Reno, a mining engineer and the inventor of a system of moving stairways, where Mrs. Hall had been taken in at midnight last night.

Mrs. Hall had been worrying all night in the hope that Mrs. Hall, who has suffered before from attacks of amnesia, might come home without any recollection which would worry her husband. The newspaper accounts of the finding of the strange woman at St. Nicholas Avenue and One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street gave him his clue.

When Mr. Hall appeared at the apartment to-day Mrs. Reno, who had already ordered a taxi cab in which her guest and the babies could be taken to Bellevue, as was ordered by the Reno family physician, Dr. Franklin Walker, said that she did not wish to disturb the woman.

"But I am her husband," said Mr. Hall. "Ask her if she is not Mrs. Delia E. Hall, and if she does not live at No. 145 Undercliff Avenue."

"Why, yes!" cried Mrs. Hall in delight when Mrs. Reno asked the questions. "Thank God, my memory has come back."

After Mr. Hall and his wife had thanked Mr. and Mrs. Reno for their Good Samaritan services to the afflicted woman, the taxi cab took mother, father and babies back to the Bronx.

Mrs. Hall's youngest baby, who was in the baby carriage which Mrs. Hall had with her when she was found last night, was born nine days ago. Somewhat against her husband's will she went out with the baby and another child a year and a half old, for what she called "a little walk" at 8 o'clock last night.

She had not returned at 11 o'clock and her husband, remembering that she was lost for six hours under similar conditions after the birth of the first child, waited up for news of her.

At midnight last night Policeman Burns found Mrs. Hall and the children resting at the doorstep of an apartment house in St. Nicholas Avenue. He took them to the Raub pharmacy at One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street to telephone for an ambulance.

Mr. Reno happened in, and on learning that the woman, who was well-dressed, as were the children, was suffering from complete loss of memory, insisted that she and her children be taken to his home. The ambulance was sent away and Mrs. Reno, summoned by telephone, aided her husband in taking the stricken woman home. The family physician, Dr. Franklin Walker, and a trained nurse were called.

Dr. Walker early to-day felt that Mrs. Hall's condition was such that she should be removed to Bellevue Hospital for treatment and restraint. The husband's arrival obviated the necessity for this step.

CZAR LOST 100,000 IN EASTERN PRUSSIA, OFFICIAL BERLIN CLAIM

Official Reports From Berlin To-Day Indicate a Greater Disaster to the Czar Than That of Last August at Tannenberg.

SEVEN GENERALS CAUGHT; 150 CANNON CAPTURED

PARIS, Feb. 22 (United Press).—The Austrian Admiralty has ordered the Austrian fleet to sink every enemy merchant vessel in the Adriatic, according to a Genoa dispatch received to-day by the Newspaper Information Agency.

The Austrian Admiralty has announced its intention of thus establishing in the Adriatic a "war zone" similar to that established by the Germans around the British Isles, the correspondent wired.

Tenth Russian Army Wiped Out, Report Made to the Kaiser

BERLIN (via London), Feb. 22 (Associated Press).—The German official statement issued to-day announces that the capture in the battle of the Masurian Lakes district of East Prussia have been increased to seven Generals and more than 100,000 men. The places of cannon taken numbered 150.

[These figures indicate that Russia has received a greater blow in East Prussia than she did on Aug. 21-22, when her first Grand Army was stopped by the Germans at Tannenberg. At that time the Germans announced the capture of 10,000 Russian troops.]

"The pursuit after the winter battle in the Masurian district has come to an end," the statement says. "During the clearing operations to the northwest of Grodno and in the battles reported during the few days in the Bobr and Narew district one commanding General and four other Generals and approximately 40,000 men have been taken prisoner up to the present. Seventy-five cannon and some machine guns, the actual number of which has not yet been ascertained, and much other war material have been captured.

"The total booty taken in the winter battle in the Masurian district as a result of these additions has been increased to date to seven Generals, more than 100,000 men, upward of 150 cannon and quantities of other material of all descriptions, the amount of which cannot yet be approximately estimated.

"Cannon of a heavy calibre and ammunition frequently are found by the enemy or sunk in the lakes near Loosen and in the Wisluta. Eight cannon of heavy calibre were dug up or pulled out of the water yesterday.

"The tenth Russian army under Gen. Baron Szeverin is considered as having been destroyed.

"New battles appear to be developing at Grodno and to the north of Satchawolas. It is reported that the battles to the northwest of Grodno and Lomas, as well as those at Prasnys, are taking their regular course.

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Grand Duke Nicholas reported that the German forces were so great that the Russian army could not withstand them. The positions of the Russian forces, he says, became difficult on account of the lack of railroads and the presence of deep snow, which prevented the arrival of reinforcements. They had either to accept a battle which would have entailed great losses of men, without profit to themselves, or retreat to a position in which they could hope to meet the Germans successfully.

Von Hindenburg Shifts Line For New Attack on Russian

By Karl H. Von Wiegand. (United Press).—The Russian Grand Army Headquarters in the East Masurian Lakes district, after having been heavily defeated, is now retreating. The Russian official report to-day admitted the practical loss of an army corps (40,000 men), but declared this should not be considered a catastrophe.